21 April 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Peter testifies that a disabled man has been healed in the name of Jesus Christ, the One through whom salvation comes. In the second reading, John reflects on the Father's love for us, through which he has made us his children. In the Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and freely lays down his life for them. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he suffered and died for us because of the depth of God's love for us, because this is what a Good Shepherd does for those in his care. How should we respond to such love? With gratitude, trust, and love; by listening to his voice in our lives and being obedient to his commands. This is not always an easy task, but one with which the Lord is happy to assist us.

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption community, believe that we have been called through Baptism to live the Good News of Jesus Christ under the patronage of Mary, our Mother. We accomplish this by proclaiming the Word, celebrating the Sacraments, & reaching out to others.

Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Rev. Larry Rymes
Pastor of the Pro-Cathedral Parish

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons	*Diocesan Order of Women*
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago	Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin	Miss Ruth Godon
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk	

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools

Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were **originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of** the Lake. The cornerstone of the existing Cathedral was laid in 1904. The history of our parish is recorded in the memories of thousands of people who built our community.



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Parish Sacraments



Marriage: Please pick up a Marriage Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

Anointing the Sick: Please call the parish office for more information.

Reconciliation: 3:00 to 3:45 PM each Saturday.

Eucharist: Please see mass schedule published in this bulletin. Call the parish office to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the sick and shut-in who are unable to attend Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Each Friday from 11:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Baptism: Please pick up a Baptism Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

The Pro-Cathedral is **wheel chair accessible**. The entrance to the elevator is on Algonquin Avenue. Please enter the vestibule and ring the bell for an attendant. Service available at all weekend Masses. Weekday Masses service available 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM. A **Hearing Aid System** is available for use by the hearing impaired. Please ask an Usher or Sacristan to assist you upon entering the church.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday to Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**OFFICE CLOSED**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts 11. 1-18; John 10. 1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11. 19-26; John 10. 22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12. 24—13. 5a; John 12. 44-50
Thursday	1 Peter 5.5b-14; Mark 16. 15-20
Friday	Acts 13. 26-33; John 14. 1-6
Saturday	Acts 13. 44-52; John 14. 7-14
Sunday	Acts 9. 26-31; 1 John 3. 18-24; John 16. 1-8

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week
Monday to Sunday, 22 - 28 April

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday	6:30 PM	Sacristy	CWL Executive Meeting
Tuesday	2:00 PM	Hall	CWL Regional Meeting
	7:00 PM	Hall	Baptism Preparation
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I, II, III
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sacristy	Children's Liturgy



For Children in Grade 2 & 3

Preparation will begin on Wednesday, May 8. If your child has celebrated First Reconciliation and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion, please complete an online registration form found under SACRAMENTS on our website at procathedral.ca *If your child recently celebrated Confession with us they are already registered and there is no need to submit another form.*

Baptism & First Reconciliation are the pre-requisites to receiving First Communion.
If your child has not received these two sacraments contact our parish office.
We want to work with you to have your child be able to receive their First Communion.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please complete a registration form found at the entrance to the church and drop it into the collection—thank you!

Sunday Collection - 14 April	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$3,062.80	**$765.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT to 14 APRIL 2024	
Roof Campaign Balance	$45,575.73
Sunday, 14 April Collection Roof Loose 40 Receipted Donations	 $903.70 $876.40
Loose Collection Challenge Matching 14 April up to $1,000	$1,000.00
Orchard Gift Card Sales 4 Cards X $5.00 Profit	$20.00 Profit to Date: $560.00
NEW CAMPAIGN BALANCE	$48,375.83

Thank you to our generous anonymous donor who matched the LOOSE ROOF collection last weekend!

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 23 - Weekday in the Easter Season - 12:05 PM
Jeannette Dominico - Randy Dominico
Claudette Murtha - Tom Murtha
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, April 24 - Weekday in the Easter Season - 12:05 PM
Leonardo Miscio - Catherine and Carlo Celebre and Family
Richard Dinnes - Dan and Barb Laplante
José Martinho dos Santos - Antonio and Floripes Costa

Thursday, April 25 - Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist - 12:05 PM
Lloyd and Wayne MacPherson - Chris and Debbie Muron
Eloi Neron - Cecile Robert
Intention of Evan Jeanneault - Pat Anderson

Friday, April 26 - Weekday in the Easter Season - 12:05 PM
Intention of Ben Oakes - Ann Sullivan
In Thanksgiving to Robert Beauchamp - Alpha 2024 Group

Saturday, April 27 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - 4:00 PM
Armand Schiavo - Lucille and Arthur Schiavo

Sunday, April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Natasha Dolata - Renata Dolata
Int. of those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

11:00 AM Angeline Lessard - Clifford and Margaret Riopelle
Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. Larry Rymes

$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards

Cards are available at the Parish Office
and at all Masses Next Weekend!





TAKE THE CAMPAIGN

LOOSE CHANGE CHALLENGE!

To reach our goal this year of raising $200,000 for our campaign, we take a LOOSE CHANGE SECOND COLLECTION for the Roof at our Masses.

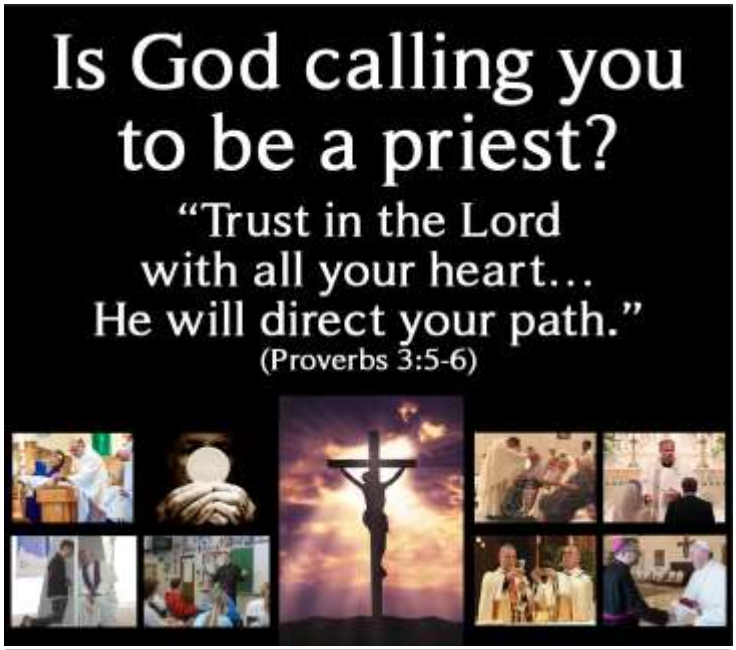
We currently average about $450 in LOOSE donations in this collection. If someone donates in an envelope that has their name on it to receive a tax donation – *it is NOT included in this total.* The challenge is to match the loose collection only.

If you would like to take the Loose Change Challenge– contact the parish office. You can choose the weekend you would like to do this and your donation can be acknowledged or remain anonymous.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On Sunday, April 21 the Church celebrates the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocation and on this day, the Church throughout the world prays for Vocations. **Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie?** Take this opportunity to pray for the priests and religious who have ministered to you in your life, and consider encouraging your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious sister or brother.





Watch wonderful vocation stories "Called to Serve" and if you have thought about being a priest, read "How do I know God is Calling Me? at dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/vocation

Our Next Social Sunday will be held on Sunday, 05 May after the 11 AM Mass







Catholic Charities Food Collection NEXT WEEKEND

Distribution from our Catholic Charities Food Bank (located in the basement of the Rectory) takes place Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

Please bring donations to the office during the week or to Masses next weekend.

Whatever you can spare … we can share! ❤

Also looking for these items to go with bread:





A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, April 23 beginning at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to call the parish office.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan policy.



Mark your calendars and let your friends know about an upcoming event at the Pro-Cathedral.



We will be hosting a parish fundraiser by renting tables and charging a small entrance fee to a Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, June 29 in the Parish Hall.

Rent a six-foot table for $50 and sell your wares! Candles, knitting, food items, jewelry, visual arts, fashion, body care, home décor & more!

For more information about renting a table, contact Annette at 495-3584 or annette.d@live.ca

Back Packs of Love

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay will be accepting donations on Saturday, May 4 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Pro-Cathedral parking garages (corner of McIntyre & Plouffe Streets).

The Pro-Cathedral has been asked to "Adopt an Essential Item" for this campaign and our items are SOCKS and SILVER EMERGENCY BLANKETS.

Please donate these items on May 4 or drop them off to the parish office. If anyone would like to sponsor a box of emergency blankets, contact Karen at the Parish Office - she can order them from ULINE for $50/case of 25 blankets.
You can also drop off other items that are needed on May 4—see complete list on the poster located on the church bulletin board.

To all Single Women!!

(Divorced, Single, Widowed ~ All Welcome)

You're invited to join the Pro Cathedral Single Ladies Social Group. Together, we go to a movie, dinner, antiquing, shopping in the surrounding area, coffee every Thursday, theatre (local/Shaw/Stratford), berry picking, card nights, sleigh ride, long & short trips and a number of events.

If this is something you might enjoy, please call Karen for more information at 705-495-6675, or email: kbeaulieu914@gmail.com or text 705-493-4191

We only have two meetings per year to set the agenda and you can choose to attend or not attend any event that is planned. Entirely at your commitment and comfort level.

The Good Samaritan Corner



The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless Here are two ways to learn more about homelessness.

Housing Focused Approaches to Encampments
On Monday, April 22 at 12 noon EDT / 9:00 a.m. PDT, join Iain de Jong from OrgCode for a webinar discussing how to end homelessness for people living in encampments using housing-focused and person-centred approaches.

Homelessness & Affordable Housing
On Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. join us virtually to listen to Dr. Carolyn Whitzman, Housing & Social Policy Researcher as she discusses the current climate regarding housing.

The Federal Government has released Solving the housing crisis: Canada's Housing Plan. This is the Federal Liberal's response to working with partners to address the housing crisis by building more homes, making it easier to rent or own a home, and helping Canadians who cannot afford a home.

For the links to the above including the government report, visit the Pro-Cathedral website at procathedral.ca and click Out-Reach then Compassionate Committee or visit: https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay

Pope Francis Tweet this Week

May we learn to cultivate the virtue of temperance. By controlling our words and actions we can avoid useless conflicts and promote peace in our society.

TIM SILVER ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Holy Name of Jesus parishioner Tim Silver, will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on **Friday, May 17 at St. Timothy's Parish in North York by Bishop Scott McCaig**. If you would like to attend the Ordination of Tim, you can book a spot on a Charter Bus organized by Holy Name of Jesus. Contact 705-495-1501 to reserve your spot - each seat is only $20 (non-refundable). Departure from North Bay on Friday, May 17 at 1:30 pm; Ordination Mass at 7 pm; Departure from Toronto at 9:30 pm. Please keep Tim in your prayers!

11th Annual Toilet Paper Drive supporting 16 Food Banks (including our Catholic Charities at the Pro-Cathedral) - first drop off is April 27 at FreshCo on Trout Lake Road from 10 AM to 2 PM. Also during business hours in May at Allison the Bookman, Davedi Club, and TD Bank Main Street.

April Showers Tea & Bake Sale: St. Brice's Church 1225 Cassells St., Saturday April 27 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Sandwiches & Pickles/ Veggies, Dessert, Tea & Coffee. $7.00 [children under 10 years free]

Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario is open every day from May to October. Masses, confessions, blessings with the holy relics by the Jesuit Fathers, devotions and tours held all day. A 2024 Spring Gala will be held June 12 in support of the Martyrs' Shrine in Vaughan Ontario from 5:30 to 9:00 PM with a special performance by The St. Michael's Choir School. For more information, visit www.martyrs-shrine.com for schedules and more e

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay presents—Homelessness & Affordable Housing Virtual Presentation with Dr. Carolyn Whitzman, Housing & Social Policy Researcher on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83290694430

North Bay Right to Life has chartered a bus to attend the March for Life in Ottawa for Thursday, May 9 leaving Northgate Shopping Centre at 7 AM and returning around 9 PM. Fares must be booked and paid in advance. Adults $30, Students $10—call Jeannine to book a seat at 705-724-3424.

Spring Sweets Dessert Gala: Support the North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre by attending this event May 3 at the Callander Community Centre 1984 Swale Street—6:00 PM. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased by contacting nbphrc@hotmail.com or 475-9270

Community Living North Bay looking for compassionate host families to open their hearts and homes to an adult with an intellectual disability. Reach out to familyhomje@clnb.org or 476-5117 ext. 225 for more information about renumeration, support and relief.

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre

Support available for women experiencing unexpected pregnancy - providing a safe place to make an informed decision. For support or to make a donation please call 705-475-9270 or email nbphrc@hotmail.com